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RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken into consideration the needs of railway passengers at railway stations like Tenali, Guntur, Bapatle and other busy commercial towns;

(b) if so, whether many stations on the main line between Howrah and Chennai like Tenali have not been given a facelift for decades; .

(c) if so, the criteria used to identify stations for improvement;

(d) whether a demand has been pending for a long time to organise sale of tickets at Tenali Railway Station on both ends;

(e) whether any study has been done by the South Central Railway; and

(f) if so, the findings thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): Yes, sir.

(b): No, sir. Necessary works have been taken up at stations on Howrah-Chennai route wherever warranted. As far as Tenali Railway Station is concerned, works relating to improvements to water supply, replacement of flooring in waiting hall and retiring rooms and computerisation of passenger reservation system have been completed recently. Works for provision of new booking office and waiting hall on platform No.1, extension of platform No.2 and 3, extension of water hydrants on platform line and provision of glow sign Boards have also been taken up at Tenali at an estimated cost ofRs. 57.07lakh.

(c): Improvements to railway stations is a continuous process and is taken up wherever so warranted by growth in passenger traffic.

(d) to (e): There is a demand for provision of booking office on western side of Tenali Station. However, due to the existence of a rake siding on western side this request is not operationally feasible. Besides a Booking office on western side is not financially justified and hence the demand has not been acceded to.